

Gem Xmas Week!

A First-Class Program.

"Polly of the Circus"

Monday, December 23, featuring Mae Marsh, 11c, 17c

"Treasure Island"

Tuesday, December 24, Fox Picture 11c, 15c

"Our Little Wife"

Wednesday, December 25, CHRISTMAS, 15c, 25c

Clara K. Young

Thursday, December 26, Select Picture 11c, 17c

"The Field of Honor"

Friday, December 27, featuring Mae Marsh 11c, 17c

Theda Barra in "Du Barry"

Saturday, December 28 15c, 25c

Cut this out and Preserve it.

Farm Records

Farmers who are not keeping farm records should seek the advice of the county agent or State farm management specialist as to a suitable form of record and the method of keeping it, and be ready at the beginning of the farm year to make prompt entries of things done during the year. This may be a record of just one enterprise or of all the operations of the farm. The record will be found very helping in finding out the strong and weak points of the year's business, and in deciding on any changes that may be desirable in the organization and management for the next year. Farmers who are already keeping records should see that the accounts are summarized and the new inventories promptly entered for the beginning of the next year's business. Farmers who do not keep books will find it difficult to make proper returns under the Federal income-tax law.

R. B. Stone, a detective for the Cotton Belt railroad, stationed at Ilmo, Mo., stole \$900 from the express office last week, and after being suspected, detected and sweated by other law officers of the railroad, pleaded guilty to the theft and showed the officers where he had hidden the money at six different places about town. He was sentenced to the penitentiary for two years.

Challenge of the Past

Most of us are good people. We admit it. If we weren't we wouldn't admit it as often as we do. The trouble is to get other people to believe it.

When a man has a first-class opportunity of profiting by sinister practices and don't take advantage of it he doesn't need to toot his horn. His record does that for him.

Your Uncle Sam is in the position of that gentleman. He has had many a chance of territorial expansion at the expense of weaker neighbors, and has turned it down. He isn't perfect, but his record is pretty good, and it will help him at the peace conference. Not many of the conferees will attend with as clear a conscience.

The world is fortunate in not having to depend on guesswork in sizing up America's principles. It has the same advantage with regard to the British navy.

If England were to assure us that naval supremacy would be benevolently used we might be skeptical in default of proof. But England's maritime strength has been exercised with singular benevolence. Notably in the suppression of the slave traffic where no mercenary motive was even faintly perceptible. Just exactly who has been victimized by it is hard to say.

The meaning of that mysterious expression, "The freedom of the seas," has never been completely clarified. It doesn't need to be. We know by experience what free seas are. The seas have been free to everybody since Noah went sailing, and it is rather late to start an argument about it now.

If Uncle Sam contributes his vast naval power to the policing of the oceans no one will welcome him more heartily than John Bull. But Johnny is not likely to junk his dreadnaughts, and we should worry while Johnny pays for them.

Discussing the fate of the Kaiser, The Douglas County Democrat says: "We should like to see him put at the end of a ball and chain and forced to pound rock for the rest of his days—together with a lot of his sons and attaches." We don't know whether the Kaiser is to pound rock and his sons and attaches also, or whether they also are to pound rock but it is all right either way.

Read carefully the advertising in the Democrat this week.

The Farm Today

Farming is being adapted more and more to a business basis, and farmers are being recognized by the business men of the cities as having real business standing. The expression, "Farmers and business men," has become "Farmers and other business men." Once the young man learned the farming trade by working mostly with his father and brothers; now he learns farming in that way and also in school and college, and by the study and practice of modern business methods, so that he becomes a different type of farmer from the countryman of one or two generations ago.

The demand of the present farmer has brought about a new method of dealing with him and supplying him with any available information he may desire. It is recognized that it is not good practice to load farmers with advice—to tell them what to do and when to do it—and this changed attitude brings more satisfactory relations to all concerned. It has resulted in freer consultation and the arrival at safer conclusions and more correct practices than could possibly come from working separately.

The Seed Supply

The important part the use of improved seeds of all farm crops has played on the quality and yield has been fully established by numerous experiments and demonstrations in recent years. In many instances the increases due to use of good seed have been very striking. There will, no doubt, be a scarcity of high-grade seeds of several staple crops next season. For this reason it is worth while to call the attention of every farmer to the necessity of selecting and properly storing a sufficient supply for home use of every kind of seed available. After deciding what crops are to be planted next year, the farmer will do well to locate and purchase seeds now, unless he has them of his own growing. Failure to order now may result in getting only inferior seeds as the dealer usually fills early orders with the best.

Virgil Hershey of Marceline, Mo., who recently graduated from the Chillicothe Business College, has been placed in a \$93.00 per month position with the Wabash R. R., at Moberly, Mo.

Hold Your Bonds

Secretary of Treasury, W. G. McAdoo, today issued the following statement in regard to Liberty Bonds:

Hold your Liberty Bonds and War Savings Certificates.

Hold them first because they are the best investment in the world, backed by every resource in the United States.

Hold them because you have made a sacrifice in order to buy them. Why pass on to someone else a contract you have entered into with your Government?

Hold them because even though the war may be over, it has not yet been paid for. The Treasury Department must soon issue more bonds. Every sale now made by you makes future Government issues more difficult and more expensive. This expense can be borne only by the people of the United States, therefore, why add to the already large burden?

Hold them because the time may come when such an investment will prove to be a true friend in time of need, a guarantee against the fear of death and insurance against real hardship.

Hold them because the need for saving is not over. Government expenses are today larger than at any time during the war. Our boys in France and Germany must still be paid and fed and clothed, and when their work is over, transported home. They have not quit—why should you?

Hold your Liberty Bonds instead of exchanging them for some other so-called "Security." Because you know the security of your United States bond and you cannot know the worth of what is offered in exchange. The "get rich quick" crook is ready to steal your bonds from you at the first opportunity.

Hold them because of the interest they pay. Hold them because it is good business to do so. What good will the idle pleasure and need less luxuries bought today with the proceeds of your bonds be to you a year from now? Your bond works for you, drawing interest day and night, week days and Sundays.

Hold your bonds—don't be a quitter, be a patriot.

The United States government bays as its guests in the near future President Poincare of France; King George of England; King Albert of Belgium; King Victor Emmanuel of Italy, and the heads of any other nations President Wilson may visit during his visit to Europe, Stephane Lauzanne, editor of the Paris Matin, declared just before he sailed for Europe. M. Lauzanne has been in the United States several months on an official mission. "It has been a diplomatic custom from time immemorial," M. Lauzanne said, "that the head of one government who entertains the head of another invariably repays the visit."

An Army Record

The report of the Judge Advocate General covers the record of an army which is not like any other in this country, or any other, ever raised. It is, therefore, impossible to make comparisons between the discipline of the army as revealed by trials and convictions and any other army. It is only possible to say that the record seems surprisingly good.

The report covers the whole of the war up to last July. In that time there had been about 11,000 convictions for military offenses, and considerably more than half of these convictions were for disobedience and for overstaying leave. Both are serious military offenses, but both are offenses of a kind that would naturally be expected from boys suddenly subjected to army restraint and still undisciplined. In an army largely filled by draft there were but 3,358 desertions. These included the willful runaways, together with a considerable number of boys who were homesick rather than defiant or vicious. It is evident that the draft stirred up only a negligible amount of opposition in the minds of those who were liable to it. The drafted men were willing and glad to go.

A surprising figure is the number charged with drunkenness, which amounted to only 774. There were, of course, many thousands who got over the alcoholic line, but apparently the army was troubled with but few defiant and persistent drunkards.

It is gratifying to know that no American soldier suffered death for a military offense. Death sentences were imposed, but the fact that the President felt at liberty to commute the sentence in every case shows that there was no conviction, at any time covered by the report, for any offense that could be considered outright treason.

The war has been the cause of the death of many thousands of our splendid young men while in the army. It has also caused the death of a good many good people at home through worry and overwork and it will be the cause of the death of many business concerns before we get back to normal conditions. The latter view is not pessimism. It is history and probabilities based on past experience. The business of the country is on an inflated basis and in getting back to solid rock there are certain to be numerous casualties.

AFTER GRIPPE

Vinol Restored Mr. Martin's Strength

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DO YOU KNOW?

Red Cross Christmas Roll Call

December 16th to 23rd

Do you know the Red Cross Christmas Roll Call? Do you know when it's going to be? Do you know it's the call of our brothers, who are far away, over the sea? Do you know that if you answer "present" you'll be helping some boy over there, and you'll show that you're backing our soldiers and willing to do your full share? Do you know that to millions of children this sign of a haven, indeed, for they know it means food, clothing, shelter and love to supply every need? Do you know what the millions of members all over our well-beloved land have been able to do through the Red Cross in offering a kind, helping hand? Will you answer "I'm here" to the roll call? Will you be a member this year? If you will you'll receive the "love button"—a token of Christmas good cheer.

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